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1. INR'S EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF CUBAN OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY AND USEFUL TO THIS POST. ALTHOUGH PREOCCUPIED RECENTLY WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS, ARGENTINA IS KEENLY AWARE OF CUBA'S ROLE IN ANGOLA AND IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN CUBAN INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. THE ARGENTINE NAVY IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO CUBAN INITIATIVES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THE SITUATION TO DETERMINE IF CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA POSE AN ACTIVE MILITARY, AS WELL AS POLITICAL, THREAT TO ARGENTINA AND OTHER AMERICAN STATES ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

2. A SIMILAR INR ASSESSMENT OF CUBAN OBJECTIVES IN THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AT THIS TIME, SINCE AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED CUBAN FOREIGN POLICY, REINFORCED BY SUCCESS IN AFRICA, MAY LEAD TO REEVALUATION OF THEIR OBJECTIVES IN THE AMERICAS.

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